GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:26
ANSWERED ON:02.03.2005
PRADHAN MANTRI BHARAT JODO PARIYOJANA
Chaudhary Shri Pankaj

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pace of the work regarding the modernisation of roads of the country under the `Pradhan Mantri Bharat Jodo Pariyojana` has slowed down;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for accelerating the pace of work regarding the modernisation of roads; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING,ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS(SHRI T.R. BAALU)
(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 26 FOR ANSWER ON 2ND MARCH 2005 ASKED BY SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY REGARDING PRADHAN MANTRI BHARAT JODO PARIYOJANA.

(a) No, Sir. The Pradhan Mantri Bharat Jodo Pariyojna was only under proposal stage and was not approved by the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) National Highways Development Project is a step towards modernization of National Highways. The project includes 4/6 laning of National Highways with enhanced safety features such as Road Over Bridges in place of Railways Level Crossings, Grade Separators, Road Signages, Road Markings, Crash Barriers etc. The ongoing National Highways Development Project (NHDP Phase I & Phase II) covers about 14,000 km of National Highways. To accelerate the ongoing modernization of roads, it is proposed to undertake 4/6 laning of about 10,000 km of National Highways with public private partnership under NHDP Phase IIIA (4,000 km) and NHDP Phase IIIB (6,000 km).